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## Timely Topics from ..the State Press.

### Coming to the Front.

The present year fully demonstrates the superiority of Mississippi over a goodly number of her sister states. Despite the abnormal and unusually adverse conditions obtaining this year, such as excessive rainfall early in the season, followed by extreme dry weather, this grand old commonwealth will produce an ample sufficiency for all her citizens. A complete failure is an impossibility in Mississippi. Her products are so manifold and varied as to preclude the possibility of such a contingency so recurrent in one-crop regions. The prevailing high price will counterbalance the shortage of the cotton crop, and the abundant yield of hay, potatoes, tomatoes, fruits, etc., will readily supply the deficiency in the corn crop. To fully appreciate Mississippi a person must live a while in a one-crop country like the wheat belt of the north-west, where a crop failure—the rule rather than the exception—utterly paralyzes all departments of industry. —Durant News.

### Wheat Growing in Attala.

It may not be generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless that a few of the progressive farmers of the county have for the last few years been growing wheat with good results and are making all the flour for home consumption. Last week it was the privilege of the writer to go over the farm of Mr. Thomas Brunt five miles north of the city, and after noting his splendid crops of corn and cotton, we came to the plot of ground sown in wheat the past season, and Mr. Brunt stated that he had harvested an average of ten bushels to the acre and would have plenty of flour to supply his family the next twelve months.

Mr. Hamp Walker, another good farmer who is growing his own wheat successfully, stated to us this week that Mr. R. J. Bell, of Ethel, would put up a first-class flouring mill if given satisfactory assurances that the farmers of the surrounding country would engage in growing wheat sufficiently to justify the investment. —Kosciusko Star.

### A Mastodon Found.

Mr. Ellis, of Lorman, brought us a huge bone, evidently that of a giant mastodon. It was the upper joint of the right foreleg—the shoulder blade—and measures across the socket (which was partly worn away) 5x8 1/2 inches. Mr. Ellis says an old negro has a portion of the jawbone containing a portion of a tooth measuring 7 inches across the top.

This find was made on the creek bank some 10 feet below the surface and only the head and shoulders have caved out, while the remainder of the animal lies buried, with several portions of its huge bones projecting.

Mr. Ellis left the specimen for the Jefferson county high school, and says he will dig up the remainder of the animal and bring it also. —Fayette Chronicle.

### In Blind Tiger Towns.

Mississippi annals were blackened on Saturday last by two affairs growing out of the drink habit. In Meridian a whiskey crazed man who was making a murderous assault upon a negro woman, was shot and killed by a policeman. In Winona an almost identical tragedy was enacted—a drunken hoodlum being killed by the city marshal, to protect the mayor, Mr. Witty, of that town, who was wantonly set upon while in the discharge of his official duties. Most deplorably the drunken man fatally stabbed his victim, one of the most useful and popular young men of Winona, before the marshal shot him. Meridian and Winona are both dry towns. —Vicksburg Dispatch.

### Good Water.

Doddsville artesian well is the best well for flow of water, pleasant taste and coldness that we have seen anywhere in the delta. The flow is 85 gallons a minute, or 122,400 gallons a day, an almost unprecedented flow, and the cost of the well was so small that almost any of our large planters can afford one. The Messrs. Dodds have piped the water all over their little town, giving each of the inhabitants pure and wholesome water, without money and without price. Such a thing in itself should cause a rush of citizens to a town that can boast such public spirited men. —Indianola Tocsin.

### Good Roads.

There seems to be a general awakening throughout the state to the importance of good roads, and the press is agitating the subject quite energetically and successfully. A good roads convention was held in Leflore county last week at which addresses were delivered by Senator Money, State Senator Gardner, W. C. George and James K. Vardaman, and the sentiment of the meeting declared that

the roads of the county should be worked under the contract system and the tax payers would willingly stand the extra levy necessary. There seems to be a disposition throughout the state towards the abandonment of dirt roads and the building of stone highway. While the movement is yet in its infancy, the present agitation will undoubtedly result in much good and a better condition of the public highway is presaged. —Jackson Correspondent of Natchez Dispatch.

### Rankin County Hay Crop.

More hay has been saved in Rankin county this year than in two seasons before, and the end is not yet, for the good work is going on every day. Only last Saturday we saw two new mowers and rakes brought from the depot. It is true that necessity was the cause of this unusual activity in the meadows, but it will prove a wholesome lesson, and will teach everybody what a few already knew—that feed for stock can be more easily, economically and profitably secured in this way than in any other. —Brandon News.

### Begs Pardon For Quoting Sam Jones.

Sam Jones preached a "sermon" at Toccoa, Georgia, Sunday, and here are some edifying expressions made use of before a gathering of ladies and gentlemen: "You old dogs"; "you lying old devils"; "if you had a little more hair and tail you'd be a suck-egg dog"; "dirty, lousy dog"; "dirty scoundrel"; "you lying scoundrels"; "you dirty hound"; "your daddy's in hell frying". The Star begs pardon of its readers for permitting these terms to find room in its columns. —Meridian Star.

### A State Sorrow.

The death of Mrs. A. F. Fox, which occurred at West Point last Monday, has been received with deep regret. Mrs. Fox has been ill for many months, and the friends of her distinguished husband Hon. A. F. Fox, member of congress from this, the Fourth district, tender their sympathy in this, his hour of mourning. —Grenada Grenadain.

### The Scarcity of Quails.

Sportsmen begin to note the scarcity of quails this season. It is a very rare thing that a flock of young birds can be seen. This is accounted for by the wet weather during their rearing time. The little birds cannot thrive in wet grass and there has been a superabundance of both grass and water all spring and summer. —Terry Head-light.

### A Wise Suggestion.

The farmer should hurry the harvest and sale of his cotton. When the price is wavering between 10 and 11 cents it is good time to unload, and it is unfortunate that so few producers are ready to accept the opportunities to sell at such good profits. —Meridian Star.

### Lowdues County Fair.

Arrangements for holding the live stock fair in this city October 23, 24 and 25 are fast being perfected. That the fair will be held is an assured fact. The program and premium list is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for distribution at a very early date. —Columbus Commercial.

### The Press of Greenville.

Don't forget it brethren, that the smallest industry in Greenville is of more value to the city than any politician that ever tried to prove the worst the better cause. Street corner politics never put a cent over the counter.

The Greenville Times has changed its day of publication from Saturday, and will, hereafter, as on last Sunday, be ready to be read between breakfast and the ringing of the church bells. The Democrat will continue to give you daily reading. And you can count on getting the old reliable Spirit, which has never missed fire but once during the fourteen years of its existence. —Greenville Spirit.

As the weather cools, up in Indiana, the campaign grows warmer, and the hopes of the Republican leaders drop to zero.

The Republicans have conceded Delaware to the Democrats and admit that Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia will probably be found in the Bryan column; and such admissions from Republican leaders means more than the casual reader may think, for the Republicans usually claim everything. —Greenville Democrat.

### Wanted A Late Fall.

It is said that the equinoctial storm is about due, and after its passage the heated term will have

## Interesting Items Gleaned from Many Sources

## CRISP CHRONICLES OF STATE EVENTS.

Cotton in Claiborne county is suffering from drought.

A twelve-ton ice factory is soon to be erected in Port Gibson.

The State Board of Pharmaceutical examiners will meet in Jackson on October 2nd.

A big steel bridge is to span the Pelahatchie river, in Rankin county, at Pelahatchie depot.

John Carothers shot and killed his step-father, Jim Collins, at New Albany. The tragedy was the result of domestic troubles.

The Simpson county Board of Supervisors have been enjoined to prevent the moving of the county court house from Westville to Edna.

The postoffice at Oak Lawn, has been abolished because the white citizens protested against the appointment of a negro postmaster.

The Board of Supervisors, of Madison county, have fixed the tax levy at five mills, and prohibited the killing of quails for twelve months.

Brandon wants artesian water. The News, of that city, very sensibly believes that good water would improve the healthfulness of that locality.

The Greenwood Delt Flag, of which Mr. A. F. Gardner is owner, is offered for sale on easy terms. The Flag is an old paper.

Designs have been submitted for Jackson's new opera house.

A new Methodist church was dedicated at Poplarville last Sunday, Bishop Chas. B. Galloway officiating.

G. W. Moore, a prominent business man, of West Station, poisoned his wife and two children, then shot himself twice in the head. All are dead.

October 4th has been set apart as Mississippi day at the Elks Carnival, soon to be held in Memphis.

Five "blind tigers" were captured at Enterprise on Saturday night.

The tax-assessment of Lincoln county has been increased.

George Kelly, col., will be hanged at Kosciusko on Nov. 2, for wife murder.

Federal Court is in session at Meridian.

G. B. Harper, of Vicksburg, has been elected Lieutenant Colonel of the Third Mississippi regiment to succeed Lieut. Col. Butler, who recently removed to Greenville.

The first mail over the Gulf and Ship Island railroad has been received at Jackson.

The indication now are that the textile school, at Starkville, will not be ready to receive pupils until about the first of next year.

The fall term of the supreme Court will meet on Oct. 8. The docket is an unusually heavy one.

Two stores and a hotel were burned at Perkinston Tuesday.

Indications point to a large attendance at the Warren county fair, to be held in Vicksburg from Nov. 13 to 17. Those who attend are guaranteed a most enjoyable time.

The Macon Sun after consulting with the farmers of Noxubee county, as they come and go, states that the cotton crop in that locality will be about 60 per cent less than the crop of last year. Reports from other counties are alike discouraging.

Twenty-five thousand dollars, which was allotted to Mississippi from the Morrill fund, has been divided between the Starkville College and the Alcorn College. The latter, which is the colored school, gets the largest amount, \$13,375, and the former receives \$11,625.

The oil mills of Jackson, which announced that their season would begin this year on Sept. 25, state that at this late date they have not enough seed on hand or in sight to run them for a week day and nights. It will probably be necessary at first to run only during the day until the late crop is gathered and ginned. As a result of the scarcity of seed the mills are now paying \$18 per ton for local seed, against \$7 at this time last year.

The assessment rolls of Jones county show a total valuation, realty and personalty, of \$2,638,697, an increase of over \$200,000 as compared with the returns for 1906.

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